(d) whether any expert in the water management will be associated with the group?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a), (b) and (d) The National Water Resources Council in its meeting held on 30th October 1985, has set up a Group under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Water Resources with the Union Ministers of Agriculture & Rural Development, Transport, Energy and Ministers of State for Environment and Forests, and Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh as Members to prepare a national water policy document for consideration by the Council. It is for the Group to decide regarding the need for obtaining the assistance of any expert in the field of water management.

(c) "Water" being a State subject, the State Governments have already distinctive power under the Constitutional provisions.

Allotment of Land to Hospital for Mentally Retarded Persons in Ashok Vihar, New Delhi

1384. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has allotted a plot of land for hospital for mentally retarded persons in Ashok Vihar, Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact the same land was to be allotted for Nursery school in Ashok Vihar;

(c) whether it is a fact that the plot allotted for hospital includes a fully developed adjacent park; and

(d) whether any representation in this regard has been received by Government from the residents and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) An area measuring 0.52 acres has been allotted by DDA to Permarth Mission for a dispensary/hospital. This includes a portion of the adjacent park and lands proposed to be allotted for nursery school.

(d) Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received and some residents have also filed a writ petition in the High Court of Delhi which has restrained the Mission from carrying on any construction activity on the plot allotted to them and the DDA from giving effect to modification of the layout plan.

Amending of inter-state water Disputes Act

1385. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government propose to amend inter-State Water Disputes Act and the River Boards Act; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to amend these Acts.

Distribution of Foodgrains under the Integrated Rural Development Programme

1386. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes for the distribution of foodgrains under the Integrated Rural Development Programme to the workers at subsidised rates;

(b) how much quantity of such foodgrains and additional foodgrains have been given and distributed dur-